(b) if so, the present status of its progress and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether such a move would improve the efficiency and help a closer monitoring of the activities in the dispensaries and medicine stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

All activities of CGHS Dispensary at Laxmi Nagar, Delhi like registration, consultation with Doctor, issue of medicines, local purchase of medicines through authorized local chemist have been computerized as a Pilot Project. The project of computerization of CGHS VIP dispensaries at North Avenue and South Avenue and Medical Center at Parliament House Annexe has commenced.

Computerization of other dispensaries in Delhi will also be done in a phased manner depending on availability of resources.

(c) The Computerization would certainly improve transparency, simplify procedure for indent, cuts down queues at dispensary and improve monitoring activities in dispensaries including medicine stock.

Health awareness programmes

3739. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of health care units and the number of staff working in these units at the grass root level as a policy of the Central Government and also as the policy of WHO;

(b) what sorts of awareness campaign programmes were organized during the year 2005-06, in the areas where people belonging to SC and ST live in the highest proportions, by both Central and State Governments;

(c) the number of people participating in all these programmes; and

(d) the results derived from these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Primary Health Care Services are being implemented in the country through a three-tier

network of Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Sub-Centres (SCs) system. 146026 Sub-centres, 23236 PHCs and 346 CHCs are functioning in the country as on September, 2005.

(b) to (d) Monthly Health Days are being organized in every village at the Anganwadi centres, where health education is provided to women and children, especially belonging to the vulnerable section. Besides under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) every village with a population of 1000 is to have a Female Health activist called ASHA in 10 States who along with health and anganwadi functionaries would provide health education to women including those belonging to the weaker sections.

Apart from this the Central & State Governments are creating mass awareness through the electronics & print media, AIR, news letters, posters and pamphlets.

Bringing co-operation among Medical Education Sector

3740. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical colleges in both Government and private sector, State-wise;

(b) what steps Government are taking to bring about great co-operation and understanding between it and the medical education sector; and

(c) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) At present total 244 medical colleges are functioning in the country, State-wise number of medical colleges in Government Sector and Private Sector is given in the statement at Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) It has been constant endeavor of the government of India to establish continuous channel of communication with Medical Education sector with the objective of improving standards of Medical Education in contemporary set up. With this aim in sight a meeting with various stakeholder in Medical Education Sector was con ducted at the level of HFM on 31.3.2005 and many important issues were deliberated in detail.